

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/678,650 Confirmation No. : 7623
First Named Inventor : Regine Hakenbeck
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Examiner : Cynthia B. Wilder

Docket No. : 104049.B270037
Customer No. : 23911

Title : DNA Probes, Method and Kit for Identifying Antibiotic-
Resistant Strains of Bacteria

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2008. A ONE month extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.